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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF DISSIDENT SED THEORIST

1. AUGUST 25 NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES STORY WITH AUGUST 24
WEST BERLIN DATELINE REPORTING ARREST DATE OF RUDOLF BAHRO
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION A FEW DAYS EARLIER OF SPIEGEL
ARTICLE CONTAINING EXCERPTS FROM HIS BOOK "THE
ALTERNATIVE", A "CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNISM AS
IT EXISTS IN EAST GERMANY." DEPARTMENT HAS NOTHING
IN ITS FILES ON BAHRO, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS 41-YEAR
OLD SED ECONOMIST AND POLITICAL SCIENTIST, DEPARTMENT
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HEAD IN A WEISSENSEE RUBBER PLANT, AND FORMER DEPUTY
EDITOR OF FORUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFOR-
MATION AVAILABLE ON BAHRO AND HIS ARREST.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS
ON WISDOM AND EFFICACY OF HAVING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
DEPLORE OR OTHERWISE EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL OF ARREST AS ONE

MORE EXAMPLE OF GDR'S SORRY HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

3. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL REPLY
ALONG LINES AT AUGUST 25 PRESS BRIEFING.

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE
REPORTED ARREST OF SED DISSIDENT RUDOLF BAHRO?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES STORY
BUT HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE SPIEGEL ARTICLE OR THE BOOK,
"THE ALTERNATIVE," TO WHICH IT REFERS. WE ARE SEEKING
FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BAHRO AND HIS ACTIVITIES AND
WOULD PREFER TO REFRAIN FROM COMMENT UNTIL WE KNOW MORE
FACTS ABOUT THE CASE.

4. THE TIMES ARTICLE IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA WIRELESS
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